



Minister Hanafin announces reappointment of Pensions Ombudsman

Mary Hanafin TD, Minister for Social and Family Affairs, today announced the reappointment of Mr Paul Kenny as the Pensions Ombudsman. Mr Kenny was first appointed to the role in 2003.

The role of the Pensions Ombudsman is to investigate complaints of financial loss due to maladministration and disputes of fact or law in relation to occupational pension schemes and Personal Retirement Savings Accounts (PRSAs). The Pensions Ombudsman is legally independent under the Pensions Act, 1990.

Since 2003, the Office of the Pensions Ombudsman has received over 2,500 complaints. In 2008, the Office received 758 complaints – an increase of over 47% on the previous year.

The Minister said **“I am pleased that Paul Kenny has accepted reappointment and would like to thank him for the service he has provided for the many pension scheme members he has dealt with over the last few years. I look forward to working with him over his new term in office.”**

Mr Kenny is a former Chairperson of the Retirement Planning Council of Ireland. He worked for over 30 years with Irish Pensions Trust/Mercer Human Resources Consulting. He holds a B.Comm (NUI) and is a Fellow of the Pensions Management Institute and of the Irish Institute of Pensions Managers.

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